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Aloha Charter Commission Members,

I had the pleasure of watching your most recent meeting on TV this afternoon and compliment you on covering a lot of material in an efficient manner. Not to interfere with your well-oiled machine but, to offer a simple suggestion, I think you may answer some of your procedural questions by referring to the final 10 ballot items that were selected by the previous review Commission as shown in the document entitled "PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS - 1996 CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION dated September 6, 1996". This was compiled by: The Office of the County Attorney. We had something like 18 - 20 proposals that the Commission decided to limit to only 10 final items as the consensus was that we would probably overwhelm the voters if all items were placed on the ballot.

You are blessed to again have Commission members Mike Bellis and Galen Nakamura (special advisor) who participated in 1996. At that time we were very fortunate to have Deputy County Attorney Jonathan Chun to prepare the final wording of the "Text and Ballot questions". He did not attend our regular Commission meetings, but several of the Commission members worked with Jonathan to prepare the drafts of each item before the final approval by the entire Commission. As you propose, perhaps having your "Special Legal Council" attend your regular meetings will speed up finalizing the ballot proposals. Your current proposed items 1, 2 and 3 are basically covered by Proposal 1 and 2 in the 1996 package (which were not approved in the 1996 vote). Of course, your numbers are likely to be different, but the subject matter is similar.

Good luck on reducing the final document to a manageable size and in the important step of communicating with the public in advance.

Respectfully,

Murray